

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Asian party planned

A taste of other cultures can be sampled at the 7th Annual Oregon Asian Celebration.

The celebration, planned for Sunday, Feb. 16, will include traditional folk dance performances from Japan, Indonesia, India, the Philippines and the Pacific Islands.

The celebration will also feature Asian food, martial arts, arts and crafts and cooking demonstrations. Special activities are planned for children.

The celebration will be held at Exhibit Hall at the Lane County Fairgrounds. For people over 12, the event costs \$2 at the door.

Oregon's job program to be studied

Oregon has been chosen as one of eight study sites in

the country to participate in the federal government's evaluation of welfare programs.

Oregon's Multnomah and Washington counties will be evaluated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to determine the effectiveness of their "JOBS for Oregon's Future" programs.

"This selection recognizes that we have one of the most advanced and progressive programs in the nation," said Adult and Family Services Administrator, Stephen Minnich. "It is an honor for our agency."

The evaluation, which will track recipients for five years, will gather information to determine how effective the program has been helping welfare clients get and keep jobs.

The study, which begins in March, will follow welfare recipients to keep track of their education and employment in relation to how much welfare money they receive.

February's Black History Month

Eugene Water and Electric Board is sponsoring a multi-media presentation as part of February's Black History Month.

EWEB cafeteria employee, Sherry Fleming, will create a display in the EWEB headquarters lobby to "provide a piece of the puzzle that's missing in American history," she said.

Fleming is also holding a poster contest for first through 12th grade students to encourage their awareness of black history. The posters, which will show what black history means to the students, will become a part of the display.

The display is open to the public during EWEB business hours, Monday through Friday.

University to hold Spanish conference

By Rivers Janssen
Emerald Reporter

The University will host a national institute for high school Spanish teachers this summer to study the history and literature of 20th-century Mexico.

The four-week resident institute will be made possible by a \$127,320 grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities and is an attempt to better understand the impact of modernization on Mexican society.

David Curland, co-director of the University's Yamada Language Center and the institute director, said the University received the grant for a variety of reasons, the most central being the success of previous foreign institutes that were held here.

This is the sixth year of the institute program, and the third available at the national level.

Jose Emilio Pacheco, a well-known Mexican poet and writer, will be among the guests attending. Curland compared Pacheco's impact to that of John Updike's influence on American literature.

Other guests include Pacheco's wife Cristina, a leading Mexican television commentator and writer; Jorge Gilbert, a documentary filmmaker; and David Barkin, a specialist on environmental problems in Mexico.

The purpose of the institute is to combine the study of Mexican literature with the study of history and culture, giving teachers a more balanced portrayal of Mexico, which they can pass on to their students. Curland said Spanish teachers are often proficient in one or another of these areas, but rarely all three.

"In college, students learn certain subjects well and others are sort of ignored," he said.

Curland said the program's impact is surprisingly strong.

"People hear about what we're doing and they want to imitate it," he said. "I've been contacted by people from as far away as Israel asking for instruction."

Curland credits the foreign language faculty as being extremely helpful in making these summer institutes work.

The faculty participants will include Dan Goldrich, Juan Armando Epple, Jay Siskin, Luis Verano, Robert Davis, and Curland himself.

Spanish teachers interested in participating must apply for one of the 26 available openings by March 15.

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